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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Monday** July 31ſt. to **Wedneſday** Auguſt 2d. 1710.

PROPOSALS for Printing the Firſt Volume of the *BRITISH APOLLO* in Octavo, which is now in the Preſs, and will be Publiſh'd in *Michaelmas-Term* next, are to be had at Mr. *Clark's* Bookſeller in *Birchin-Lane*, near the *Royal Exchange*, Mr. *Carter's* at the *Roſe* and *Crown*, in St. *Paul's-Church-Yard*, Mr. *Harbin's* at the *Roſe* next Door to the *Globe-Tavern* in the *Strand*, near *Charing-Croſs*, and of the Printer hereof, *J. Mayo* over againſt *Water-Lane Fleet-Street*, or of the Men in their Walks.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *I Deſire you would inform me as ſoon as poſſible, whether the* 23*d Verſe of the* 3*d Chap. of St.* John, *and the* 22*d of the* 10*th to the* Hebrews, *does make Dipping Eſſential to Baptiſm.*

A. Neither theſe nor any other Texts makes Dipping eſſential to Baptiſm. For ſince Baptiſm is only an external Rite, repreſenting an internal and ſpiritual Action, ſuch an Adminiſtration of it is ſufficient as fully repreſents to us the Inſtitution of of Baptiſm. All that is eſſential to Baptiſm is that it be adminiſtred with Water and in the Name of the Trinity, theſe being obſerved, other Circumſtances muſt give way to Neceſſity. We freely grant that Immerſion of the whole Body in Water was cuſtomary in the Primitive Times, and agreeable to what is delivered concerning it in Scripture, and therefore it is enjoyned by our Church when it can be practiſed without danger. Notwithſtanding upon ſome occaſions Allowances ought to be made, eſpecially in cold Countries, and in caſe of Baptiſm of Infants, whoſe tender Bodies cannot bear dipping in Water without injury. Nor are there wanting Arguments to prove that Baptiſm was even in the firſt Ages of Chriſtianity adminiſtred by Sprinkling. For it is probable that among the three Thouſand Converted and Baptized, *Acts* 2. 41. there were ſome Women; and the promiſcuous dipping of them into Water with the Men would have been againſt the Rules of Decency and Modeſty. Beſides it is ſcarce credible that there ſhou'd be in *Jeruſalem* eſpecially in the Place where St *Peter* Preached, ſuch a quantity of Water at Hand as was ſufficient for the Immerſing of ſo great a Number of Converts.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire you to ſolve the following Arithmetical Queſtion, viz. to find four Numbers in a continued Proportion of which the Sum of the two extreme Numbers makes* 20, *and the two middle* 12.

A. Calling the ſecond Number x, the third will be $12-x$: and by ſuppoſition $12-x$ is to x as x is to the firſt, which will therefore be $\frac{xx}{12-x}$: and by the ſame way of Reaſoning the fourth Number will be $\frac{144-24x+xx}{x}$ Therefore $\frac{xx}{12-x}+\frac{144-24x+xx}{x}=20$. And by Reduction $xx=12x-30$ or $6+\sqrt{5\frac{1}{7}}$. Which being found the other Numbers are eaſily found by what is ſaid above.

Q. Apollinians, *Knowing you to be a Society of well read Gentlemen, I deſire your Opinions of Mrs.* Shaftoe's *Narrative, and likewiſe if you know any more of her Hiſtory than what ſhe gives us therein of her ſelf, you'l oblige the World with it, pleaſe to oblige me with the favour of an Anſwer, being under the misfortune with thoſe, that cou'd never receive any from you, tho' I have often been at the Charge of a Penny to require it, upon many occaſions; and I ſhall remain your eſteeming* Apollinian,

LIONEL BRUCE.

Rogare, ac non reſpondere, ſicut Brutus eſt.

Paſquin ad Marforium.

A. All that we can ſay of it is, that the Story has met with very little Credit in the World; not to ſay that the manner of telling it is wretchedly ſimple and ridiculous. And we ſuppoſe it is partly for

this Reaſon, and partly for the apparent Improbabilities and Matters there aſſerted which ſeem uncapable of a clear Proof, that the Government (by what we can find) has taken no farther Notice of it. And we think it moſt proper and ſafe to do the ſame. And had it not been for the ſake of taking hereby an Occaſion of declaring to you and ſome others who make the ſame Complaint, that we ſuppreſs no Queſtions that we think are fit to appear in Publick, we ſhou'd have rejected your preſent Queſtion as unworthy of our Notice. For what private Perſons can (without being ridiculous) take upon them to judge of the Truth of any ſuch obſcure Matters of Fact, and that too upon hearing only one Party ſpeak?

Q. Gentlemen, *I am a young Man, and having made my Addreſſes to a Young Woman, ſome conſiderable time, I gain'd her conſent. Since which, I have diſcover'd that in her, which will certainly make us unhapy, if we come together; I have often (when alone with her) endeavour'd with calm reaſon, to Expoſe the ill conſequences of a Folly, ſo pernicious in it ſelf; but inſtead of reaſon have been anſwer'd with obſtinacy. I deſire your Advice in this Affair, whether I have not juſt reaſons to withdraw my ſelf from one, with whom I am certain to be unhappy. The Caſe is Fact, therefore I deſire you to be Pathetick in your Anſwer.* R. B——n.

A. Your not informing us what the Fault is which you have diſcovered in your Miſtriſs makes us leſs favour your Cauſe than you wou'd wiſh, and gives us a ſuſpition of your Inconſtancy rather than of any Immorality in her. Since ſhe has in effect made herſelf yours by giving her Conſent to Marry you, you have it ſeems diſcovered ſomething that is diſagreeable in her, which while ſhe kept you in ſuſpence you were not quick-ſighted enough to diſcern. The moſt natural Conſtruction that we can make of this is, that you now find your ſelf in the ſame State with thoſe whoſe Matrimonial Honey-Moon is over. This nearer Acceſs has given you the ſame Sentiments that actual Fruition does others. It is then they begin to ſurvey the Perfections of their Miſtriſs with a more critical Eye, and that they find out thoſe Defects, over which Love had before drawn a dark Veil. So that we apprehend your Caſe to be no other than this, that you have diſcovered that before Marriage, which moſt others do after it, *viz.* that the Woman you are Contracted to is not without Faults. But as a Marriage is not to be diſſolved upon that Pretence, ſo neither is a Matrimonial Contract which in Conſcience and natural Equity has the full Force of an actual Marriage. If your Caſe is not juſt what we have repreſented it to be, we may perhaps find out an Anſwer more ſuitable to your Wiſhes.

Q. Gentlemen, *We deſire to know whether Decency allows a Lady who is Worth upwards of a* 1000 l. *a Year, to Walk in the Streets with a Footman behind her, and whether it would not look better for her to be ſeen in a Hackney-Coach?*

Your Opinion in the Matter will very much Oblige
Your Admirers and Subſcribers,
T. M. L. C. D. R.

A. The Lady may have either of the following Reaſons for her walking in the Street, againſt which there can be no juſt exceptions. Firſt, ſhe may be willing to preſerve the uſe of her Legs, and you know the Old Proverb, *Uſe Legs and have Legs.* Or Secondly, ſhe may be Sick in a Coach: Or Laſtly, (which is a glorious Reaſon indeed) ſhe may deny her ſelf the Charge of a Conveniency for her Eaſe, to inable her to give the more to Charitable Uſes; but if none of theſe Reaſon occur, nor that ſhe has a large Family to maintain; we think ſhe is really obliged in Duty to keep a Coach of her own. For ſince it has pleaſed God to appoint part of Mankind ſuch and ſuch Stations and Occupations in which, by their Induſtry they may comfortably live, ſo on others he has beſtowed Eſtates, or rather made them his Stewards thereof, that they may diſpoſe of it to thoſe whom he has appointed to earn it at their Hands; and that, in Proportion to their ſeveral Qualities and Eſtates.

Q. Gentlemen, *I am in Love with two Young Gentlewomen, they are both of very good Families, and it is in my power to make choice of one of them to be my Wife; the one has for her Fortune* 500 *Pounds, the other has no Money, but very good Friends and will Turn her Hand to any Buſineſs as ſhe has been brought up to; the other has always been brought up to Dancing and no Buſineſs. I believe ſhe wou'd hardly put her Hand to any Thing upon occaſion. I having only a Good Trade which is all my Dependence. Now my Requeſt is to you, to know which of theſe two you would adviſe me to have; I muſt own that I have the moſt Love of the two for her that has got no Money, becauſe ſhe is the moſt agreeable in Temper. Your ſpeedy Anſwer is deſired, becauſe I am a going into the Country where the two Young Gentlewomen dwell.*

Your Humble Servant, T. F.

A. By all means take the Houſewifry Lady; by her Prudent Management, in time, ſhe may be much greater Fortune than the Other, ſince ſo much ſav'd is more than ſo much got: ſhe will be a Fortune always growing upon your Hands; beſides in Gratitude to your Generoſity ſhe is likely to make it her conſtant Endeavours to render your Life Eaſy and Comfortable. We not only adviſe you to this, but alſo to perſuade as many as you can of your Friends into the ſame Mind, in Compaſſion to the Sex; many of which, had they opportunity to exert their Faculties wou'd ſoon outſhine Numbers of thoſe who have conſiderable Fortunes, to the Glory of their Benefactors. Loſe no time herein, for the Town is in great want of ſuch Preſidents. We have nothing to ſay for the other Lady, ſince they who have Money, their Money will ſpeak enough for them, and with more powerful Perſuaſions, than all the Orators in the World beſides.

POEMS.

Q. *BEneath a lonely unfrequented Shade,*
Sad Torreſmond *retir'd to eaſe his Soul*
Of anxious labouring pangs, by ſobbing Groans
The ſeething fatal Remedy of Woe.
When Chance, or Fate, guided my wandring Steps
Within the Eccho of his mumuring Sighs,
Much ſtartled at the Melancholy Sounds.
Which ſeem'd the Moans of one in Pangs of Death:
I ſought the Place from whence thoſe Accents came;
Where (mournful Proſpect!) lay the wretched Youth,
Extended on the cold unwholſome Earth;
Deludg'd in flowing Tears. Hearing a Noiſe
He rear'd his feeble Head, and faintly ask'd

We:

Woo 'twas intruding, that diſturb'd his Woe?
Urg'd by a Friendſhip of an Antient Date,
I ask'd the Cauſe of his impetuous Grief:
Which with a Dying Voice he thus diſclos'd;
My Thyrſis, *Oh my Friend, happy thou art*
Being remov'd from the reſiſtleſs Charms
Of Bright Meryna *whoſe prevailing Power,*
The ſelf e're while Experinc'd: That Fair Maid
Had long with tender Love, and ardent Sighs,
Receiv'd my Tranſports and confeſs her own.
And Bleſs'd my Days, with all the chaſt Delights,
And ſoft Endearmens of a Mutual Flame;
But now by Fate remov'd from thoſe Dear Groves,
Conſcious of all our Vows; the fickle Fair,
Of Truth unmindful and of plighted Love,
Receives with freedom ev'ry ruſtick Swain.
This, this it is, that rends my faithful Heart;
For Oh! I thought her Innocent, and True,
And that within her Arms a hoard of Joys
Was ſafely Lodg'd to Bleſs my future Years.
This ſaid, he turn'd his Face towards the Ground,
And beg'd me leave him to indulge his Grief.
You Soft Harmonious Bards, *I humble ſue*
To ſooth his Sorrows and aſwage his Woe,
(For Oh he doats on your melodious Lays)
With ſpeed convey in ſweet Seraphick Strains,
A Charitable Balm, to heal his wracking Pains.

A. They who ſubmit to *Love's* Deſpotic Sway,
Muſt yield to all the *Tyrant* will impoſe:
And ſince extatic Joys attend his Throne,
Which on the Slaves he favours, he beſtows,
So he exacts, purchac'd be with Griefs,
Pains and Anxiety, thence to Convince
Their Lives and Fortunes are at his Diſpoſe.
Some are oppos'd by Stern Paternal Frowns;
And ſome by Treach'ry of Fictitious Friends
Betray'd, who with falſe Blandiſhments beguil;
And ſome the Object by untimely Fate
Loſe, and thence thrown on Racks of wild Diſ-
(pair:
And ſome, like our unhappy *Swain*, Deceiv'd,
By ſhew of *Virtue* and *Feign'd Innocence*,
And did no harſh *Allays* that State attend,
The Bliſs by freſh Acceſſions, ſoon wou'd grow
So vaſt, enormous, 'twou'd o'erwhelm the Soul,
Not able under th'Organ's cloſe Reſtraint,
To bear the Weight of ſuch tumultuous Joys.

Since all are doom'd to ſhare the *Sweet* and *Sow'r*,
We muſt contented be with *Fate's* Decree;
And for the One, the Other calmly bear.
Your Friend, long ſooth'd with all its Balmy Plea-
[ſures,
In Tranſports paſt the ſmiling Hours away;
At length the *Period's* come, then let him riſe,
As from a Plenteous Meal, and thank the *Gods*,
For what He 'as *taſted*, not repine 'tis o'er.

Beſides, His *Malady*, within it ſelf,
A *Remedy* conceals, if conſcious how,
He may apply it for a ſure Relief.
The *Nymph* proves *Falſe*, than all her *Virtue's* fled,
The *Object* of his Paſſion, which muſt then,
By conſequence decay, whence he's reſtor'd:
While ſhe had Charms, they all were his, when
[fled,
His *Flames* muſt *die*, the *Object* of 'em *dead*.

Q. APOLLO, *pray ſhow,*
To a wou'd-be Beau,
Tho' he knows, not yet, how to dance;
If ev'ry Tom Cunney,
That has any Money,
Wears * Buttons, *up his Sleeves in* France.

For if th'are wore there,
APOLLO, *I ſwear,*
Not long, Sir, without them to go;
So, I pray an Anſwer,
As ſoon as you can Sir,
That I may like other F---ls ſhow?

* Four Buttons croſs the Cuff, and four above it, which is half way to the Shoulder.

A. Tho' always we dance
To the Meaſures of *France*,
In Garniture; yet this neat Faſhion,
Tho' there it be worn,
We've Reaſon to ſcorn,
As a Badge of the Shame of the Nation.

For ſince Terms of Peace,
On falſe Views they ceaſe,
Their *Breeches make Buttons ſo faſt*,
That if they ſhou'd wear,
All they may well ſpare,
Their Coats may be cover'd at laſt.

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SIR,

THE Letters from Paris, Auguſt the 4th, adviſe, That the Confederates are in motion on the Frontiers of Dauphine and Provence, have taken the Caſtle of L'Arche, and the Duke of Berwick is re-inforced with 8 Battalions from Rouſillon: That the Confederate Fleet having firſt landed the Troops for Catalonia, have taking

taken the Harbour of Cette, in Languedoc, and landed 1700 Men, to join the Cevenois, and other Proteſtants; that thereupon the Duke of Berwick is order'd to ſend Forces againſt them; that ſeveral Confederate Men of War are cruiſing off of Eſtaples, on the Coaſts of Picardy, but the Coaſts are fortified with Redoubts, and guarded by the Militia: Toat the Allies allow'd the Governour of Cette his Sword and Piſtols, and the Garriſon to march out without Arms, but ſuffered the Inhabitants to ſtay without doing them any hurt; that that they carry off all Corn and Cattle, and have taken up the Magiſtrates of Agde for 150000 Livres Contribution; they have begun to intrench themſelves and caſt up a Canal from the Sea to Lettant to maintain their Ground and are reinforced with ſix large Men of War, one of which carries a Flag. The Advices frhm Antwerp are, that the Trenches are advanced 30 Paces further at General Fagel's Attack before Bethune and above 17 ſieavy Cannon are playing on the Outworks; that the French iutrench themſelves ſtrongly in their Camp, have laid the Ground about St. Omers and Arien under water from whence the Inhabitants fly with their beſt Effects.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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